

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota was the home of Ernie Peters, and we are richer because Ernie lived among us; and,

*Whereas*, Ernie was an integral part of the Abbott House in Mitchell, South Dakota, serving as the Executive Director for the past 31 years and most recently serving as the President of the National Fellowship of Child Care Executives; and,

*Whereas*, Ernie was a community leader in Mitchell, South Dakota, supporter and champion of service to his community, the state, and all mankind; and,

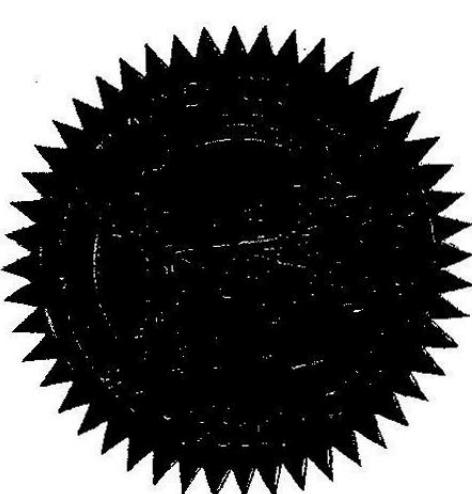
*Whereas*, Ernie passed away on August 19, 2004, and his 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of service to Abbott House in Mitchell, South Dakota, would have been August 20, 2004:

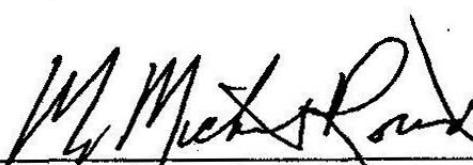
*Now, Therefore, I, M, Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2004, as

### *A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ERNIE PETERS*

in South Dakota, and I join his family and many friends from the Abbott House and the city of Mitchell in remembering Ernie for his generosity, dedication, and leadership over the years.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State